DEWAN'S REPLY: Of the three roads you have mentioned, Mr. Thomas, the first, *viz.*, the Mannarkulanji-Kozhenchery road, will be taken up for departmental maintenance as soon as land to the prescribed width is acquired and handed over. A report will be called for about the Ranni-Mundakayam road. The Ranni-Melukara road has not yet been taken up.

Thd bridge at the Kozhenchery landing will cost over Rs. 3 lakhs. That will have to wait.

At the Kaippattur *kadavu*, a causeway should, it is reported, be sufficient as there is not much traffic.

It is reported that sufficient disafforestation has been carried out in your taluk and that no further disafforestation is necessary or desirable. Orders are under issue on the report of the Committee on Royal Trees.

The establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Pattanamtitta will await the report of the Law's Delays Commissioner.

In regard to the re-establishment of the Registry Office at Ranni, if the Registry Office at Pattanamtitta is over-worked, the question of reopening the office at Ranni will be considered next year.

The Aranmula Police Station has been turned into an outpost.

106. Some urgent needs of the Tiruvalla taluk.

MR. C. G. VARGHESE (*Tiruvalla taluk, Group I*) said at the outset that the retrenchment measures adopted by the Government should not be applied to public works intended for the development of means of communication and improvement of minor irrigation works. A policy of development of the means of communication would be the surest and quickest way of promoting the economic welfare of the State and of solving the problem of unemployment.

The following were the urgent needs of the Tiruvalla taluk :—

The works on the Kavumbhagam-Idinjillam road should be completed early. The whole of this road was in a very good condition except the Alunturutti embankment portion which was 3 furlongs in length. This portion of the road should be widened and raised above flood level. The Swamipalam-Mepral road should be completed early and should be taken over for departmental maintenance. The people had opened at considerable cost a branch road called the Swamipalam-Karakal road, 2 furlongs in length and 22 feet broad. This road also should be taken over for departmental maintenance.

The Tiruvalla-Ambalapuzha road from Podiyadi to Neerettupuram was in a very bad condition full of pits and ruts. The work on the road was incomplete. Two small bits of land remained to be acquired. The construction of two bridges with slight improvements to the road would make the road fit for cart traffic.

The Niranam-Vijayapuram road should be improved and made fit for cart traffic. Of the total length of 2½ miles, the people themselves had improved the road to a length of one mile.

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The Perunturutti-Tenganal road connecting the M. C. road with the Changanachery-Vazhur road should be improved and made fit for cart traffic by the provision of a small culvert at Mundapalam and the introduction of a *junghar* service at Pulimoottil crossing.

The construction of the Peringara bridge, for which an estimate had been sanctioned and funds provided in the budget, should be expedited.

The Tiruvalla-Mallapalli road, if improved, would put Tiruvalla in direct communication with the markets of Mallapalli and Payipad. The existing wooden bridge constructed by the people should be replaced by a bridge of 15 feet span and a small culvert should be constructed at Mundankavu.

A short canal connecting the Tiruvalla market canal with the Peringol river should be constructed. This would put the Tiruvalla market in direct communication with the river system of the Pamba and the Manimala and would also provide a short cut to Alleppey. The necessity for the construction of the canal had been represented at several past sessions of the Assembly. This canal would serve as the commercial canal of Tiruvalla and be of considerable benefit to the people. It might not cost much as its length would not be over half a mile.

The waterways in the State should be better maintained. The waterways in the taluk were not properly attended to. The obstructions to water traffic by jungle growth and encroachments should be removed and the grievances of the people in the matter redressed.

A carpentry and smithery school should be opened at Tiruvalla. The local Municipal Council had passed and submitted to the Government a resolution recommending the establishment of a school at a very early date.

Lastly, a Magistrate's Court should be established at Tiruvalla. There was formerly a Magistrate's Court at the place, but it was subsequently abolished. The Court should be restored to the taluk immediately.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Your suggestions, Mr. Varghese, about the roads and the canals will be carefully considered.

The Kavumbhagam-Idinjillam road requires only a certain portion to be raised, and for that an estimate has been called for.

MEMBER: Only a small bridge is required.

DEWAN: An estimate has been called for to make it fit for cart traffic.

The Tiruvalla-Ambalapuzha road is under construction, and, as you stated, it has been held up owing to land acquisition proceedings. If you would use your influence to induce the ryots to surrender the necessary lands—

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MEMBER: Only 2 cents have to be acquired. The owners of those 2 cents persist in not giving them up. These 2 cents have to be acquired. The owners are obstinate. Thousands of people are ready to give up their lands. But the owners of these 2 cents are obstinate.

DEWAN: The Department is doing its best to keep rivers and canals clear, and if any particular place, where there is need for attention, is brought to the notice of the Chief Engineer, it will be inquired into.

A carpentry and smithery school exists at Quilon, and there is a grant-in-aid school at Kottayam. If some private school is opened at Tiruvalla for this purpose, it will be recognised, and a grant will be given to it under the rules; and, later on, if funds permit, we will open one of our own. At the moment, as our finances stand, there seems to be no possibility of that.

In regard to the establishment of a Magistrate's Court at Tiruvalla, a conference will be held within the next few days to discuss the general question of jurisdiction of Magistrates' Courts; and the case of Tiruvalla will be considered too.

The Assembly adjourned for lunch at 2-10 P. M. and met again at 3 P. M.

107. Needs of the Tiruvalla taluk with special reference to the Tiruvalla town.

MR. C. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Municipal Council, Tiruvalla*) first dealt with the necessity of opening a Magistrate's Court at Tiruvalla. There was formerly a Magistrate's Court at Tiruvalla, but it was abolished in 1098. The people of the taluk were experiencing much inconvenience and hardship for want of the court. The Magistrate's Court should be restored to the taluk immediately.

Two bridges on the Tiruvella-Mavelikara road, one at Pulikizh and another at Pannai, should be constructed. This would facilitate direct motor service being introduced between Quilon and Tiruvalla, *via* Karunagapallai, Mavelikara and Mannar. This would also reduce the congestion of motor traffic on the M. C. road.

Lastly, the member spoke about the necessity for improving the market canal at Tiruvalla. The canal was constructed as a result of very great agitation. But to serve its full purpose, it should be deepened widened and straightened, so as to make it navigable for steam and motor boats. The improvement of the canal would greatly develop the trade of the taluk.

DEWAN'S REPLY: As I told other members, Mr. Raman Pillai, there will be a conference on the subject of the readjustment of the territorial jurisdiction of Magistrates' Courts. This conference is meeting on Monday next and orders will be passed on the subject of a Magistrate's Court at Tiruvalla as early thereafter as possibble.

The market canal has been partly improved. An estimate for increasing its width has been sanctioned and a provision of Rs. 500 has been made for the purpose in this year's budget.

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